

Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

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Pastor

Reverend Richard C. Brensinger, M. Div.

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Robert Young
Deacon Ricardo Reyes

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Daily: see Mass Schedule
Holy Day: (Vigil 7:00 PM) 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15-4:00 PM
Anytime by appointment

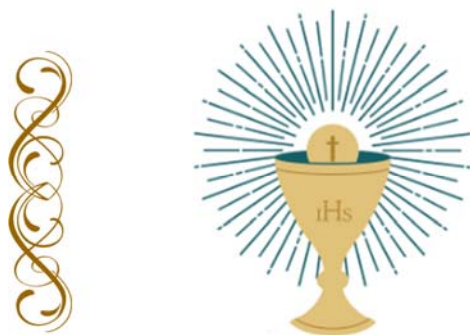
Adoration Chapel

Please consider spending some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, especially during this year of the Real Presence. Our Adoration Chapel is open daily from 6:00 AM—9:00 PM.



St Francis of Assisi consoled by Angels, by Badalocchio

July 18, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Year of Real
PRESENCE
CENTERED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST





SACRAMENTAL AND PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome to Saint Francis Parish. Please call the Parish Center Office in order to register in our parish, or stop in during office hours or on the weekend after all Masses. One needs to be a member of our parish three months in order to receive a certificate of eligibility. Please notify the office if you change your address or move away.

Religious Education (PREP)

All children of the parish should be receiving religious instruction through our parish school or through our Parish Religious Education Program offered on a Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:15 AM. Please contact Mrs. Camille Stockdale, our Director of Religious Education, for more information regarding our PREP (610-435-0364).

Marriage

We look forward to celebrating God's gift of love in the sacrament of marriage for any registered and practicing parishioner. Diocesan policy states that contact should be made one year, but no later than six months, prior to the proposed date of marriage in order to begin pre-nuptial instructions. Call the Parish Center Office for further information.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held for our registered (at least three months) and practicing parishioners normally the first Sunday of the month immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Parents are to register for a Baptismal Preparation Class held normally on the Wednesday before each baptism in the Parish Center. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic for the valid reception of baptism. That person must also be able to receive a certificate of eligibility from their Catholic parish. A Non-Catholic Christian is permitted to act as a witness. Parents should begin to make arrangements for a baptism during pregnancy.

Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors Info

You must be at least 16 years of age, have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, must attend Mass regularly and, if married, the marriage must be recognized by the church. These requirements are the universal law of the church. All requests for 'Letters of Good Standing' are to be made well in advance to the Parish Office.

Ministry to the Sick

Please notify the Parish Center Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or home and would like to receive communion or the anointing of the sick. Visits can also be made to those parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive communion.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

We welcome and support all whose faith journey brings them to seek full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Center Office for further information.

Saint John Vianney Regional School

We encourage all our parents to consider sending their children to our parish school, Saint John Vianney Regional School. Our school is located at 210 North 18th Street in Allentown. Please contact our school principal, Mr. Brian Mansfield (610-435-8981), to register your child for a faith based, middle-states accredited, Catholic education.

Allentown Central Catholic High School

We encourage our high school students to consider attending our local Catholic high school - Allentown Central Catholic. Please contact Cara Meskill, the Director of Admissions, at (610) 437-4601 for more information.

Wills and Memorials

As a lasting remembrance or final gift to your parish, all parishioners are encouraged to include St. Francis of Assisi in their wills or as a beneficiary on an insurance policy. At the time of passing of a relative or friend, consider enrolling them in the Sanctuary Memorial Fund. Memorials are available in the Parish Center Office and are often used in lieu of flowers.

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Victim Assistance Coordinator

Wendy Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone Number (800)791-9209

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

Mass Schedule

Monday, July 19th

Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42

No Mass

Tuesday, July 20th

Ex 14:21--15:1; Mt 12:46-50

8:00 AM Bernadette Rossmark

Saint Apollinaris

Wednesday, July 21st

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9

8:00 AM Mary Louise Giannangeli

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Thursday, July 22nd

Sg 3:1-4b; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

8:00 AM Mary Cannon

Saint Mary Magdalene

Friday, July 23rd

Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23

8:00 AM William Franko

Saint Bridget

Saturday and Sunday, July 24th & 25th

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

4:30 PM Mary Hennigh

8:30 AM Kim Rivera

People of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

10:30 AM Thomas P. McFadden



Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

If you would like to memorialize the red sanctuary lamp next to the tabernacle for a week, the cost is \$10 for the seven day candle. Please contact Stephanie Epler at the Parish Office, 610-433-6102, for information.

The Sanctuary Lamp Memorial for the week
July 18, 2021 is

In Memory of Frederick Moser

By Larry & Conchita Moser



Recently Deceased

Please pray for the soul of Shelly Geng, daughter of parishioner Joan Webre, who recently passed away. Grant her eternal rest, O Lord, and may her family know your peace and comfort.

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

We acknowledge this contribution in memory of:

Betty Kelly

by: Jeff and Diane Kelly

Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord



Public Rosary Hours

We have once again begun the public Rosary Holy Hours in the Adoration Chapel. Please join us on Saturdays at 12 noon, and Sundays at 7 PM as we pray for our families, our country and our world. Your presence is requested. Any questions, please call Karin at

610-351-0835.

Have You Ever Thought About Becoming
A Liturgical Minister?

Now that Covid restrictions are easing up a bit, and more people are returning to in-person Mass, we find ourselves in serious need of Liturgical Ministers. The areas where we are most in need of help at this time, or in the near future, are:

Cantors
Lectors
Eucharistic Ministers
Altar Servers



We ask that you prayerfully consider serving in one of these capacities as part of your Time, Talent and Treasure to God.

For more information, or to volunteer for training, please see Father Rich or call the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Flocknote

Don't forget to text STFRAN to 84576 on your smartphone to get signed up with Flocknote!

(If you don't have a smartphone, you can visit our website and look for the link that will allow you to sign up from there.)

Text messages and emails can be easily sent to members during lock-downs, closures, and emergencies, as well as updates, event notifications, check-ins, prayer requests, and more.



Please....No gum in church!
Please be respectful of the Holy Eucharist.

Attention All Parish Organizations

Please call Donna Gerancher at 610-433-6102, x15 to schedule all of your organization's activities to ensure the availability of the room or hall of your choice.

Save the Date!



We have set dates for St. Francis Fest in the fall!

It will be a two day event, taking place on Saturday, October 2nd

from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, October 3rd from 12 Noon to 5 PM.

There will be Attic Treasures, a Basket Raffle, Bake Sale and Food to eat in or take out. It will be a cash only event, no tokens.

There will be two Attic Treasures drop off dates: Saturday, September 18th from 9 AM to 12 Noon and Saturday, September 25th from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Please watch future bulletins for more details!



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ATTENTION:

St. John Vianney School is looking for teachers for next school year. We are currently hiring a Spanish teacher as well as grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. If interested please email Brian Mansfield at principal@stjohnvianneyschool.org



Calling all SJV students who will be in Grades 2 and 8 for the 2021/2022 year! SJV students receive their Sacraments through their parishes - NOT the school. If your child who attends 2nd grade or 8th grade at SJV, please contact our DRE, Mrs. Camille Stockdale, to receive information regarding the Sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation.

We look forward to working together with you and your child on this wonderful receipt of grace through the Blessed Sacraments! Mrs. Camille Stockdale - DRE 484-547-6270 or PREP@sfrancisallentown.org

 *No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of faith, no matter your personal history, age or background, YOU are invited, welcomed, and loved at St. Francis of Assisi Church.*

Tippy's Car Wash Fundraiser

Through the generosity of Tippy's Car Wash on Sumner Avenue, we will be having a little fundraiser on Sunday, August 8th from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, weather permitting. Tippy's will donate \$3.00/car for every car that goes through their car wash that day. This is for every single car that goes through the facility that day, not just our parishioners! So, spread the word and take advantage of this offer for our parish. The rain date for this event would be Sunday, August 15th. The cost of the hand car wash and dry is only \$10.00/car and \$13.00 for large trucks and SUV's.



MOVIE CLUB - CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Look at what we have planned!!

Date: July 24th after 4:30 PM Mass
Time: We will enjoy the movie Christmas Jars around 6:45.

Before that however, we will enjoy a fun pizza dinner (donate \$ what you can); along with salads and desserts PLEASE RSVP BY July 23rd in the Parish Office so we can order ENOUGH!

We will enjoy holiday music during our meal!

After the movie we will not only have Christmas themed door prizes (gift wrapped!!!) but ALSO HIGH QUALITY KITCHEN/DOOR RUGS donated from Bethlehem Gallery of Floors (cost about \$45 each!) AS DOOR PRIZES!!!

We hope to have a GREAT Turnout for this FUN EVENT!!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!! There is NO COST for this event. We just ask that you contribute to your pizza if you are able and/or donate a salad or dessert, if you are able!



Our Weekly Stewardship

Weekend of July 10th & 11th

Sunday in Pew	\$ 5,581.25
Sunday Online	\$ 3,264.50
Second Collection in Pew	\$ 781.00
Second Collection Online	\$ 155.00

Thank you for your continued contributions to our parish. We appreciate all that you do, financially and other ways, to make our parish great. Please consider online giving. It's safe, easy and secure. Visit our website for more information.

Please support our advertisers on the back of the bulletin who make this publication possible.

STEWARDSHIP
A MISSION OF FAITH

Reminder: please stop in our vestibule to see our Resource Center, which is filled with life-changing materials. A large variety of books, CDs, DVDs and brochures are available, covering a wide range of topics, such as relationships, family, spiritual growth, and prayer. Materials are free of charge, however, gift donations are accepted to help cover the cost to replenish the items in the display.

New items are available.



St. E's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM



Too hot to cook? We have the perfect dinner for you!

Meal includes: ½ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter & dessert. This meal is fully prepared by Fairview House Catering. Ticket cost is \$13.00 per meal. If you would like an order form,

please e-mail dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-349-7791 or check our parish website at: <http://www.sercc.org/> Pick up is in St. Elizabeth parking lot at 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. We will hand your dinner directly to you!

Only 200 meals will be sold. Drop-off or mail orders to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Please mark envelope: "Chicken Dinner". All orders due by August 16.



It's time to start thinking about bringing back Children's Liturgy of the Word. We would like to begin after Labor Day! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Camille Stockdale. Children's Liturgy is held during the Liturgy

of the Word at our 10:30 AM Mass. Volunteers normally lead once every 4 to 6 weeks. Leaders can lesson plan themselves or have the lesson prepared for them. It is a child appropriate version of that week's Mass readings, including "take aways" for the kids to reinforce the lesson. Children from Kindergarten - 5th Grade are welcome to participate. All volunteers DO have to be background cleared, just like our PREP teachers. Please consider volunteering so that we are able to continue this incredible program for our parish children!

PREP

Hello to our St. Francis of Assisi PREPsters and SJV Students! What are you doing FUN and EXCITING this summer – we'd love to see photos!



Send us photos of your kids/family enjoying this great summer and we will post them to the PREP Bulletin Board in the Church!

We hope everyone is enjoying their hazy, lazy days of summer!

"Weekend of Prayer, Hope and Healing with Fr. James Blount, S.O.L.T." with a Guest Presentation from Dr. Antone Raymundo

August 13, 14 and 15, 2021

This blest weekend, which celebrates a Fatima Day, the 43rd anniversary of O.L.M.E., the memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a "martyr of charity," and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will provide moving conferences from Fr. James Blount and Dr. Antone Raymundo as well as opportunities for Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and individual blessings.

Fr. James Blount, from the Society of Our Lady of the Trinity, Georgia Mission, is internationally renowned as a dedicated charismatic priest with the gift of healing. Fr. Blount travels throughout the United States and abroad, preaching and proclaiming the Gospel.

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist by email at olme@olme.org or by phone at 610-582-3333. All events are held at Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist: 640 E. Main St., Birdsboro, PA 19508. For more information, visit olme.org

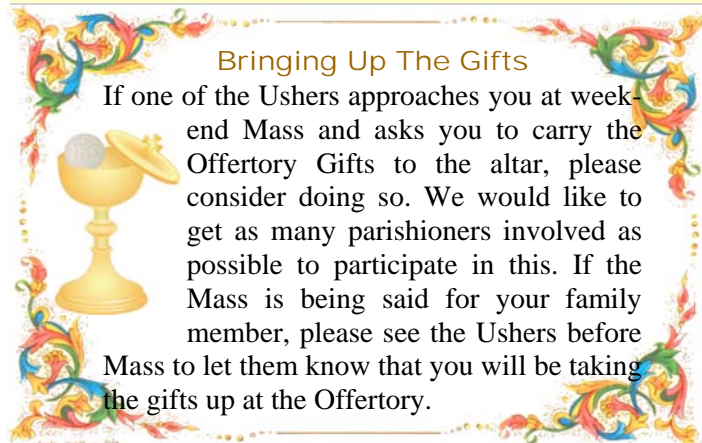


Please Join Our Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain operates by phone and email. We are always looking to recruit **more people** to pray for those in need. This is a simple but powerful way to help our parishioners; please consider joining us! Email Stephanie Epler at sepler@stfrancisallentown.org to be added or to make a prayer request. All emails will be kept confidential. A group email will be sent as each prayer request is received. Of course, you may still call in prayer requests by phone at 610-433-6102.

Bringing Up The Gifts

If one of the Ushers approaches you at weekend Mass and asks you to carry the Offertory Gifts to the altar, please consider doing so. We would like to get as many parishioners involved as possible to participate in this. If the Mass is being said for your family member, please see the Ushers before Mass to let them know that you will be taking the gifts up at the Offertory.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule—Saturday and Sunday, July 24th & 25th

	<u>4:30 PM</u>	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:30 PM</u>
Lector	J. Reasinger	R. Granitz	C. Stockdale
Cantor		M. Issermoyer	
Organist	R. Venditto	R. Venditto	D. Badesso

Nurses Aide/Housekeeper Position
 Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley is an independent retirement home for priests and brothers. We are looking for a part time Nurses Aide/Housekeeper to work 8 AM - 2 PM every other weekend and Thursday nights from 2 PM - 8 PM. No experience necessary. Competitive pay. Please call Maribeth at 610-282-1415.

Designer Handbag Bingo

**New Date: Sunday,
 October 24, 2021**

**Doors open at 12:00 PM
 Games begin at 1:00 PM**

Tickets are still available for only \$20 each in the Parish Office! Food and drink will be available to purchase at the event, and we ask that no one bring any outside food/drink items in with you. Spread the word and help us advertise! If you already purchased a ticket in 2020, that ticket is still valid. **(Tickets will be \$25 at the door)**
Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 610-433-6102.

Parish Library

Just a reminder, we have a parish library in the vestibule. There are many informative religious books available to borrow.



Bulletin Board

Please take a moment to check our bulletin board in the stairwell into the vestibule from the parking lot. There are many events posted for local parishes that we do not always have room to print in the bulletin.



Holy Family Manor

Short-term rehab at Holy Family Manor has the comprehensive care to help you get back home. Everything from leading-edge technology to experienced caregivers to fully customized treatment plans, all in a comfortable, home-like setting. They are a preferred provider for Lehigh Valley Health Network and St. Luke's University Health Network. They are also a part of the Highmark High Performer Skilled Nursing Facility Network and the only Catholic rehabilitation center and nursing home in the Allentown Diocese. Visit www.hfmanor.org or call 610-865-5595 for more information.

Mercy School for Special Learning- Allentown, PA
 Job Listings

Over 21 Program - Full time (w/ Benefits) and Part time positions- IMMEDIATE OPENINGS! Working with adults with disabilities in a group or 1:1 setting.

Job Coach: 2 Positions available, Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position.

A job coach is an individual employed to help students (1:1 or small group) with disabilities learn, accommodate, and perform their work duties. A job coach also helps with interpersonal skills necessary in the workplace. The coach will assess the worker's strengths and needs through observation or assessment.


Teacher's Aides: Part-Time 29 hours per week, 10 month position. If you are passionate about working with students with special needs, Mercy School wants you. Teacher Assistants will work under the direction of the classroom teacher.

Bookkeeper: Part-Time Position, 29 hours per week, 12 month position. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, processing a bi-weekly payroll, processing payment for requisitions and purchase orders, overseeing tuition collection process and assisting in the development of the school budget.

Job Openings at St. Theresa, Hellertown

St. Theresa currently needs a DRE/CRE to assist with the Religious Education of our parish members. This opening will be a full-time position with benefits and salary. Please contact the rectory for a job description. It will be necessary to submit clearance documentation, a resume and participate in an interview. 610-838-7045

St. Theresa is in need of a Preschool Secretary. This part time position is Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM during the school year. Summer hours are flexible. Full job description is available at the school. Please call the preschool 610-838-8161 for more information or secretary@sttheresaotcj.org


A reminder, for your safety and well-being, please lock your car doors and keep any valuables out of sight before coming into Mass.

Retrovaille: Rediscover The Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have **RETROUVAILLE** healed their marriages through **RETROUVAILLE** (pronounced Retrovy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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"Feed Your Faith" Gift Card Program

"*Feed Your Faith*" is the Parish's easiest fundraising program. It costs you nothing extra, but it benefits the Parish immensely! Each gift card you buy has a return of 1% to 14% profit to the parish. **The number in parenthesis represents the percentage of profit the Parish makes.** Please consider buying the gift cards to do your grocery shopping, give as gifts, or just to purchase instead of using cash at the retailers. Please see the list below for our participating retailers. *These gift cards are usually available every day in the Parish Office!*

Amazon.com (2.25%): \$25, \$100

Applebees (8%): \$10, \$25

Banana Republic (14%): \$25

Barnes and Nobles (8%): \$10, \$25

Bath and Body Works (12%): \$10, \$25

Bed, Bath & Beyond (7%): \$25

Buy Buy Baby (7%): \$25

Bethlehem Gallery of Floors: mention St. Francis

Bonefish Grill (8%): \$25

Boscov's (8%): \$25

Carrabbas (8%): \$25

Dunkin Donuts (3%): \$10

Gap (14%): \$25

Giant (10%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Home Depot (4%): \$25, \$100

Kohl's (5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Longhorn Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Lowe's (4%): \$25, \$100

Macy's (10%): \$25

Old Navy (14%): \$25

Olive Garden (8%): \$25

Outback Steakhouse (8%): \$25

Panera Bread (8%): \$10

Red Robin (8%): \$25

Red Lobster (8%): \$25

Redner's Warehouse (5%): \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Sam's Club (2.5%): \$25, \$100

Starbucks (7%): \$10

Target (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Texas Roadhouse (8%): \$25

Visa (1.25%): \$50, \$100 (no activation fee!)

Wal-Mart (2.5%): \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wawa (1%): \$25

Wegman's (5%): \$25, \$50, \$100

Weis (5%): \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, \$100

Wendy's (6.5%): \$10

